

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-19. Claims 20-22 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-19 are now pending. Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments.

### **2. CLAIM OBJECTIONS**

In the office action, the Examiner objected to claims 21 and 22 because of an informality. Claims 21 and 22 have been cancelled, and accordingly, the objection to such claims is no longer an issue in the present application.

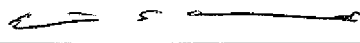
### **3. CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 20-22 have been rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Rea et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,542,717). Claims 20-22 have been cancelled, and accordingly, the rejection of such claims is no longer an issue in the present application.

4. **CONCLUSION**

A genuine effort to resolve all issues has been made. For at least the above cited reasons, all claims pending in this Application are now believed to be allowable. Applicants respectfully request that any questions or concerns be directed to Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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